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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 5261

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SUBJECT: GON'S LATEST STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST POLICY

REFS: (A) THE HAGUE 5258

(B) THE HAGUE 5068

(C) THE HAGUE A-216 OF NOVEMBER 27, 1973

1. SUMMARY: IN STATEMENT DURING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE
ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET NOV 29, FONMIN VAN DER STOEL
REITERATED GON SUPPORT FOR NOV 6 ME DECLARATION AND
BELIEF SC RESOLUTION 242 SHOULD BE BASIS FO ME SOLUTION.

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FONMIN STRESSED NEED FOR ISRAEL TO END TERRITORIAL

OCCUPATION WHICH IT HAS MAINTAINED SINCE 1867. FONMIN DENIED DUTCH POLICY HAD ALTERED AS RESULT OF ARAB OIL BOYCOTT BUT NOTED IT NATURAL GOVERNMENT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEW DEVELOPMENTS. STRESSING BALANCE OF GON POLICY, FONMIN EMPHASIZED ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES BUT ALSO NEED TO ALLOW POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF PALESTINIANS TO ASSUME A CERTAIN "FORM AND SBSTANCE." FONMIN POINTED OUT PALESTINIANS WILL "BY SOME MEANS OR OTHER HAVE TO BE GIVEN A SAY IN THE MATTER OF THEIR OWN FUTURE." ACCORDING TO MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR, THIS LAST POINT REPREENTS EXTENSION OF ORIGINAL GON POSITION ON PALESTINIANS. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING COURSE OF DEBATE ON FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BUDGET NOV 29, FONMIN REMARKED THAT HE HAD SUMMARIZED GON REACTION TO RECENT ARAB POLICY IN HIS NOTE OF NOV 16 (REFS B & C). VAN DER STOEL ADMITTED ARAB OIL BOYCOTT WAS CAUSING SOME CONCERN AND SUGGESTED THERE EAS NEED FOR GON TO RE-EXPLAIN ITS POSITION MORE PRECISELY. FONMIN SAID THIS HAD BEEN DONE CONTINUALLY THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND THRU MEDIA OF SPECIAL ENVOYS SUCH AS RENARDEL DE LAVALETTE AND VAN ROIJEN. FONMIN THEN STATED:

3. BEGIN TEXT: MOREOVER, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SEEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NINE, PARTICULARLY IN THE STATEMENT OF 6 NOVEMBER, RENEWED CONFIRMATION OF HERE CONVICTION THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CONCERNED ARE UNITED IN THEIR OPINION THAT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 SHOULD FORM THE BASIS OF A SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. I REPEAT THAT THE NETHERLANDS ENDORSE AND ACCEPT THE DECLARATION OF 6 NOVEMBER AS THE BASIS OF A COMMON POLICY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WITH REGARD TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. THERE IS A POINT I SHOULD LIKE TO STRESS ONCE MORE: "THE NEED FOR ISRAEL TO END THE TERRITORIAL OCCUPATION WHICH IT HAS MAINTAINED SINCE THE CONFLICT OF 1967." I AM GIVING THE ENGLISH WORDS THIS TIME SO THAT NO CONFIDENTIAL

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MISUNDERSTANDING CAN ARISE DUE TO EITHER THE LANGUAGE OR THE WORDING. THE NETHERLANDS IS AGAINST TERRITORIAL EXPANSION BY FORCE; THUS ABIDING BY UNITED NATIONS DECLARATIONS, ESPECIALLY RESOLUTION 242 AND BY THE STEMMENT OF 6 NOVEMBER.

5. OCCASIONALLY, PEOPLE ASK WHETHER THE POLICY OF THE NETHERLANDS IN RESPECT OF THE MIDDLE EAST HAS ALTERED,

PARTICULARLY SINCE THE EVENTS OF THE RECENT PAST, THE IMPLICATION BEING THAT WE HAVE SURRENDERED TO EXTERNAL PRESSURE AND ARE NOW SAYING THINGS WE WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE SAYING.

6. I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IT IS NATURAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DIRECT ALL ITS ATTENTION TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY HAVE SUCH A DIRECT IMPACT ON THIS COUNTRY. NO GOVERNMENT CAN AFFORD TO PRETEND NOTHING IS HAPPENING, NO MATTER WHETHER THE MIDDLE EAST OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD IS INVOLVED.

7. WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE COULD TO MAKE IT EVIDENT THAT NETHERLANDS POLICY IS BALANCED AND DESIGNED TO DO JUSTICE TO THE LEGITIMATE DESIRES OF ALL CONCERNED.

8. LET ME REPEAT. WHEN I TALK ABOUT A BALANCED POLICY I THINK OF BOTH SIDES. THAT IS ISRAEL ON ONE SIDE, WHOSE RIGHT TO EXIST WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1947 AND CAN NO LONGER BE QUESTIONED. UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION 242 OF 1967, EVERY POINT OF WHICH THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS, SAYS THAT ISRAEL AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER STATES IN THE AREA HAS A RIGHT TO TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES.

9. ON THE OTHER SIDE THERE ARE WHAT I REGARD AS THE LEGITIMATE DESIRES OF THE ARAB NATIONS AND ESPECIALLY THE PROBLEM OF THE PALESTINIANS. THE STATEMENT OF THE NINE SPEAKS OF THE "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS." I PUT IT A LITTLE MORE CLEARLY IN MY NOTE TO THE CHAMBERS: "THE POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF

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THE PALESTINIANS WILL HAVE TO BE ALLOWED TO ASSUME A CERTAIN FORM AND SUBSTANCE," "FORM AND SUBSTANCE" AS WE STATED IN NEW YORK THE OTHER DAY WHEN DEALING WITH THE UNWRA QUESTION. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE PALESTINIANS WILL, BY SOME MEANS OR OTHER, HAVE TO BE GIVEN A SAY IN THE MATTER OF THEIR OWN FUTURE. IT IS NOT UP TO THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT TO SAY HOW THAT SHALL BE DONE AND WHAT FORM IT SHALL TAKE. WE MAY NOT ANTICIPATE THE SOLUTION IN ANY WAY WHATEVER. IN ANY CASE, IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, THE REQUIREMENT OF SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES ON THE ONE HAND AND THE PALESTINIANS' SAY IN THE MATTER ON THE OTHER, SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION ONE WITH THE OTHER.

10. IN SHORT, A BALANCED POLICY ON THE PART

OF THE NETHERLANDS, ONE THAT MUST RESULT IN "A JUST
AND LASTING PEACE THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 IN ALL ITS PARTS. "END TEXT.

11. COMMENT: MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS
BARON VAN LYNDEN CALLED CHARGE'S ATTENTION TO VAN
DER STOEL'S ME STATMENT NOV 29. HE SPECIFIED
SECTION ON PALESTINIANS GOES SOMEWHAT
BEYOND GON'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT. WE ASSUME VAN LYNDEN
FEELS OPERATIVE SENTENCE IN THIS RESPECT IS, "NEEDLESS
TO SAY, THE PALESTINIANS WILL, BY SOME MEANS OR OTHER,
HAVE TO BE GIVEN A SAY IN THE MATTER OF THEIR OWN
FUTURE." DESPITE VAN LYNDEN'S UNDERSCORING OF THIS
NEW FEATURE OF GON POLICY, NO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
NOR PRESS SEEMED TO PICK IT UP, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL
PARLIAMENTARIANS, AS REPORTED REF A, MAINTAINED GON
HAD DONE AN ABOUT-FACE WHENIT SIGNED ME RESOLUTION
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